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The Honorable Clarence Randall  
Chairman  
Council on Foreign Economic Policy  
The White House

Dear Mr. Randall:

I have your letter of 19 September addressed to Mr. Dulles who is out of the country, and I am most happy to learn of your high opinion of the Economic Intelligence Committee's Biweekly Report on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas. I also wish to assure you that we stand ready at any time to present a further briefing to you on this subject or any other topic on which we can be of assistance to you.

On the matter of publicity, the report to the best of our knowledge was first mentioned on 25 May 1956, in the series of articles by Robert J. Donovan entitled "Eisenhower in the White House." This series was run in the New York Herald Tribune and attached is an excerpt from that article. I presume this is the article to which you refer. Later, on publication of his book, The Inside Story, it is interesting to note that Donovan sharply condenses this item and omits all reference to intelligence reports (page 389). No member of this Agency had any contact with Donovan during the preparation of his book and so far as we can determine, none of the contents of the Biweekly Reports were disclosed in the Donovan articles or elsewhere.

I am surprised that U. S. officials overseas concerned with the problem of Soviet penetration in underdeveloped areas should have been found ignorant of the background and objectives of these Biweekly Reports. I shall take this matter up with appropriate State Department and International Cooperation Administration officials to insure that U. S. people in the field receive appropriate guidance.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

O/DDI/Ramory:jb (29 Sep 56)

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*Rewrite concurred in by Mr. Amory phone 10/4/56 JMC/km*

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**Extract**

**EISENHOWER IN THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**Robert J. Donovan**  
**New York Herald Tribune May 25, 1956**

"As a result of that meeting, every two weeks a secretary now puts on the President's desk a top-secret document running anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five pages entitled 'Sino-Soviet bi-weekly report.'

"This is Mr. Dodge's careful digest of an enormous body of information streaming daily into his office from all parts of the world. Part of it comes from intelligence reports flowing into different branches of the government. These are co-ordinated for Mr. Dodge by an economic subcommittee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, which sifts all government intelligence.

"Some of it is distilled out of the intensive individual studies going on under Mr. Dodge's guidance within various departments such as State.

"These are studies to evaluate the nature and effects of the Russian activities in the economic and political fields, and to determine what changes of policy and counter-measures should be made. As the information comes in from all the diverse sources and is processed by Mr. Dodge, it is circulated back to the co-operating government agencies in a continuous flow and exchange."